(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Under section 18 of the Air Corporation's Act, 1953, operation of scheduled air services is already reserved for Indian Airlines, Air India and their associates.

(b) and (c) A Bill namely, the Air Corporations (Transfer of Undertakings and Repeal) Bill, 1992 has been introduced in the Lok Sabha, which envisages:

(a) Repeal of the Air Corporations Act, 1953.

(b) Assets and liabilities of Air India and Indian Airlines to vest in two companies, namely, Air India Ltd., and Indian Airlines Ltd.

(c) All licences, permits, quotas and exemptions to be deemed to have been granted to the proposed companies;

(d) The tax exemptions or benefits available to the corporations to continue, to have effect in relation to the proposed companies;

(e) Guarantees given for or in favour of the Corporation to any loan or lease finance, to continue to be operative;

(f) Every officer or other employee of the Corporations would become as from the appointed date, an officer or other employee as the case may be in which the undertakings, have vested, with the same terms and conditions of service, etc with option to resign.

(g) Power of Central Government to give directions to the companies.

Procurement of more A-320 aircraft

2472. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a dozen A-320 Airbus planes are likely to join Indian Airlines during the year 1993;

(b) if so, what is the schedule of arrival of these planes;

(c) whether there is an anticipation of excess capacity in Indian Airlines at this juncture after the arrival of these planes; and

(d) what are the details of traffic and capacity at present with the Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Apart from the one aircraft received during February 1993 only six more A-320 aircraft will be joining Indian Airlines fleet during 1993. While one aircraft each will be taken delivery of during March, May, June and November, two will be taken delivery of during July, 1993.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The average passenger capacity presently offered is 30,400 seats per day. The average traffic carried during the period 21.2.93 to 6.3.93 was 21,050 passengers per day. The capacity offered is being augmented gradually after withdrawal of the recent strik by the pilots.

Indian Airlines flights to Andhra Pradesh

2473. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to link Delhi and Visakhapatnam during the calendar year 1993; and

(b) what are the other places to be linked by Indian Airlines flights, in Andhda Pradesh during this year?